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FOR DEEPER WATERWAYS CONVENTION ORGANIZES

OVER THOUSAND IN ATTENDANCE

Will Urge Digging of a Ship Canal From Lake Michigan To Gulf.

TO IMPROVE THE STREAMS.

All Tributaries to Mississippi River to Come in for Attention of New Formed Association.

CANAL IS ALREADY STARTED.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 16.—By the election of E. S. Conway, of Chicago, permanent chairman, and W. F. Saunders, of St. Louis as secretary, the step toward permanent organization of the Lakes-to-the-Gulf Deep Waterway association was taken at the first day's session of the waterway's convention.

More than a thousand delegates representing 22 states bordering on the Mississippi river and its tributaries were present.

Addresses were made by former Governor David R. Francis, of Missouri; Congressman Henry T. Rainey, of Illinois, and Thomas C. Wilkinson, president of the Upper Mississippi River Improvement association. Congressman Rainey said this country had been divided into spheres of influence by seven great railroad groups which do not infringe upon each other's territory.

"We cannot regulate freight rates by legislation," he continued. "The only way of improving the railroad rates is by opening out the great national waterways to commerce by making the channels navigable to boats capable of carrying thousands of tons of cargo."

A committee was appointed to prepare an address to the public embodying the best means of securing a deep waterway from Lake Michigan to the Gulf of Mexico. This address will be submitted tomorrow.

The chief object of the convention is the restoration of river transportation by deepening the channels, thus bringing boat transportation into competition with the railroads. The permanent body will work through the river improvement associations of the upper Mississippi, the Ohio, the Missouri and the lower Mississippi, as well as various commercial bodies, to secure appropriations from congress for the improvement of the internal waterways of the country.

According to the reports of the officials of the Business Men's league under whose auspices the convention is being held, the work of constructing a waterway from the lakes to the gulf has already been half accomplished without cost to the government, by the completion of the Chicago sanitary and ship canal. Congress will be urged to complete this work by making a fourteen foot channel connecting the canal through the Illinois river, with the Mississippi.

In preparation for second convention at Washington, D. C., December 6 and 7 of the National Rivers and Harbors congress the executive committee of that body is circulating literature setting forth some interesting facts designed to develop widespread interest in the movement for a comprehensive improvement of the waterways of the country. Excluding the seaboard, according to the statements of the committee, the United States has 43,799 miles of navigable waterways, of which 2,299 miles are the Great Lakes, 16,500 miles the Mississippi river and its tributaries, and 25,000 miles other rivers. Since 1820 the United States has expended \$470,000,000 upon its waterways, during the past twenty years an average of about \$14,000,000 annually, and during the past ten years an average of about \$19,250,000. Holland France and Belgium, which have an aggregate of 7,230 miles of waterways, or about one-sixth as much as the United States, excluding the seaboard, have spent more than \$2,700,000,000 on such improvements, and the policy of foreign countries in this respect in contrast to that of the United States

TO PROTECT HORSES FROM WINTER'S COLD

DIAMOND IN CHICKEN'S GIZZARD
Finder Is Sued by Owner—Loses Gem and Pays \$150 Costs.

Dallas, Tex., Nov. 16.—From the gizzard of a spring Texas chicken John Garcia, a farmer of Sterling, extracted a diamond valued at \$400, and which was lost a year ago by Charles P. Kendall, who lives twenty miles south of here. Kendall at the time was on a visit near Sterling, 300 miles west of Dallas, and lost the sparkler within a mile of the Garcia place. Recently he learned of the finding of the gem. A message to Garcia requesting the return of the stone brought this reply: "Plenty of diamonds on the market as well as innumerable chickens. Advise that you buy either if you are in real need of a sparkler." Kendall sent another message offering Garcia the pick of his herd of cows if he would return the diamond. But Garcia merely repeated his advice that Kendall purchase a gem. The latter then filed suit at Sterling and today returned to Dallas wearing the diamond. Garcia paid the costs of suit, amounting to \$150.

Many Snowball Fights.

Yesterday Captain Frank Harlan, of the police force, was greatly annoyed by calls for policemen to disperse snowball armies in various parts of the city. Several express drivers reported with bruised heads, and in some portions of the city the nuisance was carried to such a degree that pedestrians and vehicles were squares out of their way to avoid being a mark for the youthful warriors.

Bird Dog Thieves Are Troubling Many Possessors of Fine Animals

"Watch out for bird dog thieves." This is the word passed to every lover of sport, and it will be well that the instructions are followed. Of late many bird dogs have been "missed." Some turn up again, but the majority do not. Among those who have "missed" bird dogs is Mr. Henry Rudy, who reported his loss to the police this morning.

Bird dogs, those of good breed, are "marks" for the crooks, and they

are further indicated by the expenditures for harbor purposes of \$9,000,000 at Rotterdam, Holland; \$24,000,000 at Marseilles, France; \$27,000,000 at New Castle, England; \$35,000,000 at Havre, France; \$75,000,000 at Hamburg, Germany; \$20,000,000 at Liverpool, England. Another comparison by the committee estimates as the average cost of transportation per ton-mile on railroads 8.58 mills in Texas, 6 mills on the Illinois Central and 7.79 mills on all railroads in the United States, and .92 mill on the Great Lakes, 1.9 mills on the Erie canal, .32 mill on the Ohio river to Cincinnati, and 1 mill on the lower Mississippi. These comparisons are worthy of careful consideration, especially in the south, where some of the greatest projects for waterways improvements in the country are yet to be carried out.—Manufacturers' Record.

Platts Have Separated.

New York, Nov. 16.—Senator Thomas C. Platt and wife have agreed to separate. A statement to this effect signed by both was made public today. The statement admits that "there have been a series of differences and disputes which seem to make separation advisable," but it denies that there has been any conduct on the part of either "that could possibly be the foundation of a divorce action," and declares that "no question of infidelity of either to the other has ever been raised."

Freights Collide.

Chicago, Nov. 16.—In a terrific crash of freight trains at the West Chicago station this morning Frank Linds, fireman, was killed. Engineer Coleman was fatally injured.

Humane Officer Sanders Will Enforce Rules On Drivers of Hacks In The City of Paducah.

MUST BLANKET THEM

If the ideas of Humane Officer Tom Sanders are carried out, this winter will see more protection for the poor hack and draft horses which are made to work "overtime" in the coldest of weather. It may eventually lead to the erection of a general stable for the protection of horses which are worked at all hours of the day and night.

"I am going to see that the poor hack horses are given more protection from the biting cold this winter," Humane Officer Sanders declared this morning. "I will issue orders that horses, hack horses especially, will have to be blanketed. I consider it cruel, to say the least, to drive these poor horses through all sorts of weather with no protection. Blankets are cheap, and I intend that the proper protection be given the dumb brutes."

"Another matter which I am considering, is the standing of hack horses in streets. Hack drivers stand them all along the street waiting for trade. They nearly freeze. A stable or quarters of some kind convenient to a call can easily be had, and prosecutions will follow in cases of failure to properly follow my directions."

Bird Dog Thieves Are Troubling Many Possessors of Fine Animals

steal them when possible, carry them to other counties, sometimes out of the state, and dispose of them. Detective Moore recovered one dog which had been lost several months. A minister in the county had him, but showed that he had bought the canine. The man who sold the dog was never caught.

Now that the hunting season is on, dogs will be more in demand and will bear closer watching.

SAILORS WIN

GET EAR OF SULTAN, WHO ORDERS THEM PAID.

Turkish Ruler Flies in Passion and Threatens His Ministers for Not Doing It.

Constantinople, Nov. 16.—Unpaid sailors of the Turkish navy created a disturbance in front of the palace today which almost resulted in a riot. The seamen succeeded in calling the sultan's attention to their demands. When the sultan learned the cause of the trouble he flew into a rage and threatened his ministers. He ordered instant payment of the sailors.

One Man Killed.

Reading, Pa., Nov. 16.—The "cannon ball" train on the Philadelphia railroad was wrecked last night near Linfield. One man was killed and three injured. One is missing.

There is only one kind of a newspaper circulation statement that is worthy any consideration, and that is the daily detailed statement. The Sun is the only Paducah paper printing such a statement.

TOM BRUCE GETS HORSE AND WIFE

Both in a Hurry And Evades His Pursuers

At Last Captured and Returned to Murray to Answer to Charge of Stealing.

MARSHAL HOLLAND'S CHASE

Tom Bruce, who eloped with a horse and buggy from Calloway county, has been captured, and it developed that he eloped with a young lady about the same time in almost as much haste.

Tom Bruce of near Dresden, Tenn., gave Marshal L. W. Holland, of Murray, a chase over the western end of Kentucky and Tennessee. He is at last in the hands of the law, Marshal Holland passing through Paducah last night with his prisoner.

Bruce last August helped himself to a horse and buggy belonging to a farmer near Murray. He came towards Paducah and was located in McCracken county. The police failed to get hold of him, but directed the Tennessee police. He was again located below Fulton. Marshal Holland got a tip that he was in Lake county, Tenn., and to Lake county he went.

Bruce gave him the slip. Holland persevered and chased the fugitive through Lake, Dyer and Obion counties in Tennessee before he landed him. Bruce was caught riding in the buggy and driving the horse he is alleged to have stolen. The arrest was made just this side of Memphis yesterday.

Marshal Holland brought his prisoner back immediately. The horse and buggy he shipped to Hickman and the rig will be driven overland home to Murray.

A Little Romance.

Bruce was busy since his escape with the horse and buggy, and thought about other things besides eluding minions of the law.

Bruce married a Miss Green, of Gales, Tenn. He wooed the young woman in haste and she was easily won. He was in the picture business, selling enlarged pictures and frames. This was the business, it is understood, he intended engaging in when the idea of transportation blocked him. He was thus tempted to provide a means for getting over the country, and the horse and buggy being within easy reach, were confiscated.

Bruce's young wife did not accompany him to Murray. She remained behind to seek consolation among her people.

STATE TRAFFIC BRINGS GAIN

More Profit in Missouri Than in Interstate Business by Roads.

Kansas City, Nov. 16.—Expert testimony given today at the rate hearing showed that the Missouri Pacific not only made money on shipments of freight in Missouri, but made more money from them proportionately than from interstate business. Evidence was also given tending to show the Burlington received higher rates in proportion for hauling freight in Missouri than it received for interstate business. The Burlington, it was stated, frequently charged a rate for the moving of freight less than that named in the Missouri maximum rate law now being contested. This was explained by the assertion that if the Burlington had charged the maximum rates competition would have been driven from the field.

SCORE CLING TO LAKE WRECK.

Steel Steamer Strathmore on Rocks and Crew Is Imperiled.

Sault Ste. Marie, Nov. 16.—Word was received this afternoon by J. E. Boyd, superintendent of the Canadian locks, that the Canadian steamer Strathmore was a total wreck on Michipicoten Island, at the east end of Lake Superior. The crew of nineteen men are reported to be in great danger. The tug Boynton was hurried to the scene to attempt a rescue. The Strathmore is a steel steamer, built in Scotland, which was brought to the lakes this season. It has been trading between Fort William and Kingston.

MAYOR SCHMITZ INDICTED ON CHARGE OF EXTORTION

JUDGE HAS OFFICE IN THE CITY HALL

Will Transact Private Business There And Police And Reporters Get The "Skiddoo Sign" Today

CHIEF IS IN QUANDARY

"When Judge Cross gets fixed up in his office I do not know what the police will do. We have no place for calling the roll and transacting private business," Chief of Police James Collins declared. "We moved the captain's office several months ago from the front room to the rear, consolidated it with the judge's office, but we have never had the privacy we need. In the winter we can do very well in the front room, but when summer comes the roar of the streets comes through the open windows and we cannot hear over the phone. Telephones are essential to the police force and cannot be slighted. We have needed more room for some time, and I am at a loss to know what to do."

Several years ago the idea of a new city hall was raised but no action taken. The present council boards advocated the addition of another story on the hall, but this idea was abandoned. The city is growing, and with it the police business. When the city went into the second class new boards were created. They must have room, and the board of public works' room was one of the creations. The city property adjoining the hall was taken up by the engineer and street department, leaving other department quarters in a cramped condition.

The question is one to interest the public as well as those who have to experience the inconveniences caused by the lack of room.

Does Paducah need a new city hall?

Chief of Police James Collins things it does, and he is not alone in his ideas. There are others, and if the city hall was ever crowded, the congested conditions will be felt more now that Police Judge Cross has assumed the prerogatives of the office.

Police Judge D. A. Cross will have his private law office in the city hall. This announcement he made yesterday afternoon when a brand new roller top desk was ceremoniously deposited in his office at the city hall. The old desk which has served the city so long and well, is no more to be a fixture of the judge's office.

"I can not afford to spend 20 hours at the city hall with but half an hour for my private law practice," Judge Cross declared, "and have decided to employ a stenographer, and my office will be private. You reporters will have to stay out. You will have access to the city docket, and may inquire for news, but the habit of making headquarters of the hall has got to come to an end, at least in my office."

Judge Cross made his remarks general. This applied to the police as well as others who frequent the hall.

It is not a religious use of the imagination to have an imaginary religion.

Owen's Island is becoming famous as a dangerous point in the navigation of the Tennessee river in low water. Yesterday the Charles Turner with four barges of ties went aground on Owen's island. A hole was knocked in one of the barges causing it to sink. It is expected that by partially unloading the barges, the Charles Turner may be able to get off today without assistance.

The Charles Turner is the fourth towboat in the last four weeks to go aground or get its tow aground at that point. The Charles Turner was the property of the late Capt. Gordon. Capt. Burton Carroll is in command now and Capt. Bud Mullen has charge of the business end.

TO BE ARRESTED ON HIS ARRIVAL

Two Restaurant Keepers Accuse Him of "Shaking Them Down."

SOME SECRET SERVICE MEN

Said to Be Dogging Footsteps of Frisco's Executive in Europe for United States Government.

RELIEF FUND DISAPPEARED.

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 16.—The grand jury today brought in five indictments against Eugene Schmitz and Abraham Ruef, on the charge of extortion. On each charge bail is fixed at \$10,000.

The first alleged crime was in connection with the "Poodle dog" restaurant and the indictment recites that Ruef and Schmitz demanded money from the proprietor, Tony Bancho. As this demand was made, it is said, on two occasions, two indictments were returned. The extortion is believed to have been practiced upon Ed Marchand, proprietor of Marchand's restaurant and is the basis of two more indictments. The demand made upon Joe Malfanti, another restaurant man, is the alleged offense on which the fifth and last indictment is founded.

On top of the indictments today comes the report that federal detectives have shadowed Mayor Schmitz throughout Europe and are on the vessel on which he is returning to the United States has created a tremendous sensation.

Mayor Schmitz is due to arrive in New York tomorrow. The Chronicle in an article printed this morning says he may be arrested when he leaves the steamship.

The Chronicle prints a remarkable story of the new development of the graft scandal, showing that President Roosevelt stimulated the work of secret service agents here because upwards of \$1,000,000 is missing from the relief funds contributed to the San Francisco fire sufferers from all parts of the country.

President Roosevelt is credited with retaining Francis J. Heney to prosecute the offenders, chief of whom is said to be Mayor Schmitz.

President Roosevelt Indignant.

The charge upon which a number of city officials and citizens will be called to defend themselves is the diversion, or theft, of funds sent to this city for the relief of the sufferers from the big calamity of April last.

So indignant was President Roosevelt on hearing of the stealing of the funds contributed by sympathetic citizens of the union to the relief of the unfortunates of San Francisco that he is said to have declared he would bring the offenders from the uttermost parts of the earth should they make their temporary escape.

During the first days following the fire many persons throughout the country forwarded relief moneys by

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MRS. DOWIE'S DOWER

Granted Mac D'Hui and Withdraws Her Suit.

Chicago Ill., Nov. 16.—Judge Landis today in the federal court directed the entry of an order by virtue of which Mrs. Jane Dowie is granted the Mac D'Hui property at White Lake, Mich., which had been purchased by John Alexander Dowie when he was head of the Zion church in return Mrs. Dowie abandons her suit filed in the Muskegon court to establish her claim on the property in Zion City, and turns over the stock held by her in the Zion City lace factories to Overseer Voliva, now the head of the church of Zion. Voliva had declared that he would contest the transfer to Mrs. Dowie of the property at White Lake, but his attorneys offered no objection to the entering of the formal order.

American Express Increase.

New York, Nov. 16.—The wages of employees of the American Express company who are paid less than \$200 a month are increased 10 percent, beginning today. The increase was authorized by a vote of the board of directors yesterday. The increase an officer said, affects 8,000 to 12,000 men throughout the country—the bulk of the rank and file of the employees outside of what are called officials. It will cost the company about \$600,000 to \$700,000 to pay the increased wages.